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HOGSETT ANNOUNCES SENTENCING OF TERRE HAUTE METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKER

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced that David J. Pitts, 41, Terre Haute, Ind., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson to 35 years in prison following his conviction at trial for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Pitts was a principal distributor for a methamphetamine trafficking organization that operated in Terre Haute. Pitts distributed approximately one-half pound of methamphetamine in the Terre Haute area from November 2009 through March 2010.

Pitts was one of nine defendants convicted at trial on March 15, 2011. Wesley Hammond and Antrio Hammond were sentenced to life imprisonment earlier. Defendants Bradley Shelton, Timothy Bailey, and Michael Weir are awaiting sentencing.

The prosecution was the result of an investigation directed by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Other law enforcement agencies that participated in the investigation included the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the United States Marshal's Service, Vigo County Drug Task Force, Indiana State Police, and other local law enforcement agencies.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington prosecuted the case for the government.

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